

## TELLEGEN FIRST APPEARED HERE WITH BERNHARDT

Noted Actor Discusses Great  
Tragedienne—Affirms That  
Geraldine Farrar, His Wife,  
Is Very Domestic.

BY JAMES G. GABELLE.

My last appearance in Memphis was about seven years ago when I supported Madame Bernhardt in Yvande. We had a wonderfully responsive audience and I shall never forget what an inspiration it was to me to their appreciation," stated Lou Tellegen, as he sat in his dressing room at the Lyric theater, a trim, erect figure, much younger in appearance than his photoplays indicate. Outside there was the orderly disorder of preparation for the evening performance. The leading lady wanted a suit pressed that she had to wear in the first act, but it was too late; a very much agitated young man sought a suit that he had to don in the next 10 minutes, and another actress had lost her hair—she had just purchased it, too—as she told the unsympathetic scene shifter lazily. Mr. Tellegen smoked a gold-tipped cigar and was amiable itself. It was all an old story to him.

### Praises Bernhardt.

"I was four years with Madame Bernhardt," continued Mr. Tellegen, puffing meditatively at his cigar. "She is truly a wonderful woman. Every night there was some new revelation of her genius. No matter how long she had been acting in a play there was always some new nuance to her characterization; some new tone to her golden voice; an added cadence or an inflection that brought out the character a little more vividly. It was a never-ceasing source of surprise how she could do it."

"It was my good fortune," interjected the interviewer, "to be in Paris when she first produced Gismonda, and enthusiastic students dragged her carriage to her apartment near Parc Monceau. They pelted her with roses and strewed her way with flowers—which, by the way, they stole from the flower sellers around the Madeleine. I recall, too, that when she was married all Paris was deeply interested. It was reported that she had told her husband-to-be all the details of her life. When Gasparine heard of this, he exclaimed, 'What wonderful bravery!' No," said Coquella, who stood near, "What a marvelous memory!"

A smile lighted up Mr. Tellegen's features, revealing perfect teeth. He watched the cigar smoke curl lazily upward.

"Many stories are extant about these in public life; if they are untrue the one libeled can only suffer in silence. I remember a reporter for the London Graphic once asked her what she thought of the Eleventh commandment. Madame was in a merry mood, as is often the case with her, and in jest she replied with an inimitable shrug of her shoulders: 'Seventh commandment? Pout. There are ten too many already.' The staid English took this in sober earnest and poor madame was violently attacked by press, pulpit and prudes."

### His Marriage.

"Your marriage occasioned a great deal of surprise," hinted the interviewer. "Miss Geraldine Farrar had declared so frequently that she would never marry before she was 40—if she ever married at all. She also repeated frequently that her husband—if she ever had one—would have to be an American, and you were born in Greece and raised in Holland."

"Our marriage has been a most happy one," Mr. Tellegen asserted.

blowing a kiss to a splendid photograph in a silver frame of his wife, that occupied a prominent position on the long dressing room side table. "I know my wife had often made those statements—she laughs about them now. We met in Los Angeles, when she was filming Carmen, and, well, she exercised her woman's prerogative and changed her mind. Our married life is ideal. We have a winter home in New York and a summer home in Los Angeles. My wife is very domestic, there are no temperamental prima donna eccentricities in our household. Her great delight is to surprise me with a dish of her own concoction, when we are dining on family, or with one or two chosen friends. And each dish is a masterpiece of the culinary art, too."

"Outside of her care of the household madame's favorite recreation is reading. My hobby is all manner of outdoor sports, hunting, shooting, fishing and golf. On account of madame's voice, she is precluded from joining me in these sports. However, we are both fond of motor-

ing and we enjoy that together a great deal. She is an excellent driver and loves to take me on long spins along the beautiful highways that are so numerous around Los Angeles."

### Photoplay Experience.

"You achieved an enviable distinction in photoplays. What do you think of them?"

"Photoplays have been discussed so much," Mr. Tellegen replied, "that there is hardly anything fresh of importance that can be added. My two first pictures were 'The Explorer' and 'The Unknown.' They were great successes. The American people have made the movie the success it is. It is astonishing how it has come to be the world force it is in so short a time. I like to work in movies, though, of course, one misses the inspiration of an audience. 'My first play' in English was 'Maria Rosa,' by a Spanish dramatist, Guimerya. It was a pronounced success. All the more gratifying as I had been appearing in French ex-

clusively. I had rather hesitated about making the change, but met with such a warm welcome that I was very glad I did. A play is being written for me that I hope will be a success. It has not progressed far enough for me to say much about it yet."

Outside there were many preliminary coughs as the audience was gathering for the night's entertainment. Back stage all was hushed. The actress had found her hair, and the juvenile his costume. The prompt boy passed with his warning call and

Mr. Tellegen had yet to make up. He was courtesy itself, however, as he bowed the visitor out with old world courtesy and a suave hope for a future meeting.

### PLANE BUILDER IN U. S.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—A. H. G. Fokker, inventor and builder of wartime combat airplanes, arrived here yesterday from Rotterdam on the steamer Noordam. The Fokker was the swiftest plane used by German air fighters on the western front.

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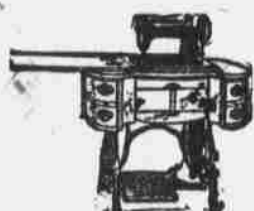


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